

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF NORWOOD MAYOR AND COUNCIL
Sine-Die/Reorganization Meeting
January 6, 2021

MAYOR BARSÀ

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ASCOLESE

COUNCILMAN ROONEY

COUNCILWOMAN HAUSMANN

COUNCILMAN BRIZZOLARA

COUNCILMAN FOSCHINO

COUNCILMAN KIM

The Public Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Norwood was held on the above date at Borough Hall and with Zoom access to the meeting.

Sarah Lucero sang the National Anthem, followed by the invocation by Deacon James Puliatte.

Mayor Barsa stated that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, pointed out the exits and asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Barsa acknowledged and thanked all dignitaries, past council members and borough employees in the audience.

All members were present at roll call.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Foschino made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Brizzolara seconded the motion and the Council unanimously agreed with on a roll call vote.

Mayor Barsa began his opening remarks by noting the passing of former Mayor Gus D'Ercole and the many contributions he made in the borough. Mayor Barsa thanked all the borough employees, borough professionals and volunteered and welcomed all new employees as well as the tow new Council members.

All Council members thanked the outgoing Council members for the time on the Council and wished them the best.

Congressman Josh Gottheimer sworn in newly elected Councilwoman Annie Hausmann.

Outgoing Councilman Scott and Councilman Haberman thanked the Mayor and Council and wish them well in the new year.

Assemblywoman Holly Schepisi swore in newly eleted Councilman Bong June Kim.

Councilman Kim and Councilwoman Hausmann thanked the voters and the Mayor and Council and are looking forward to working with everyone.

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Mayor Barsa swore in the Fire Department Officers and EMS Officers and thanked them for their service to the community.

All members were present at the roll call of 2021 Council.

Councilman Foschino made a motion to elect Councilman Ascolese and Council President. Councilman Brizzolara seconded the motion and the Council unanimously agreed on a roll call vote.

Councilman Rooney made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Mayoral appointments to various boards and committees and the Council committee assignments. Councilwoman Hausmann seconded the motion and the Council unanimously agreed on a roll call vote.

Mayor Barsa made his appointments to the Planning Board, Environmental Committee and Council liaison appointments.

COMMENTS & REMARKS

Councilman Foschino welcomed Councilman Kim and Councilwoman Hausmann and stated he look forward to working with both of them and sees a productive year ahead. He then read a poem outlining the aftermath of the Christmas Eve storm. Councilman Foschino thanked the DPW, Police Department, Fire Department and EMS for all their hard work during the storm.

Councilman Rooney also thanked all the departments and borough employees.

Councilman Brizzolara welcomed Councilman Kim and Councilwoman Hausmann and noted that this was a big diversity leap for the Council that he was happy to see.

Council President Ascolese thanked the borough employees and volunteers and welcomed Councilman Kim and Councilwoman Hausmann.

Mr. Kevin Corrison, Borough Attorney, thanked the Mayor and Council and said he looks forward to working with everyone.

Mr. Andrew Fede, outgoing Borough Attorney, thanked the Mayor and Council and wished everyone the best.

Councilman Foschino made a motion to open the meeting to the public. Councilman Rooney seconded the motion and the Council unanimously agreed.

Mr. Paul Haberman said he was trying as a member of the public and wished everyone goodnight.

Mr. Allen Rapaport thanked Mr. Haberman and Mr. Scott for the work on the Council and welcomed Councilman Kim and Councilwoman Hausmann.

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Councilman Brizzolara made a motion to close the meeting to the public. Councilwoman Hausmann seconded the motion and the Council unanimously agreed.

Councilman Brizzolara made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council President Ascolese seconded the motion and the Council unanimously agreed.

Mayor Barsa thanked the Council, wished everyone a happy holiday and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Buginsky, Deputy Borough Clerk